

HA-1231

Rev. William Wilson House I
1120 Rigdon Road
Chrome Hill vicinity
Private

ca. 1805

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Rev. William Wilson House I

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1120 Rigdon Road

CITY, TOWN

Chrome Hill

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED☒ not applicable**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Samuel B. Fielder, Sr.

Telephone #: 836-6917

STREET & NUMBER

1121 Rigdon Road

CITY, TOWN

Jarrettsville

☐ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code
MD 21084**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 969

Folio #: 208

STREET & NUMBER

20 West Courtland Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

NA-1231

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rev. William Wilson House I is a two-section stone house of one and two stories respectively, built about 1805 and located on the north side of Rigdon Road between Rocks Chrome Hill Road and Sharon Road near Chrome Hill, Harford County, Maryland. The main elevation faces south.

The eastern one-story section appears to be the oldest part. It has large quoin stones at the corners and the east wall of the western section is built over the adjoining wall of the east section. The east section has a two-bay south facade with a door in the west bay and a 6/6 window in the east bay. The gable roof has a simple box cornice and the covering is modern asphalt. The original roof was probably slate. A single interior chimney is located in the east gable end. It is brick above the roof, indicating reconstruction in recent years. The gable end has two bays flanking the chimney, each with 6/6 windows on the ground and attic levels.

The north elevation also has two bays, with a door and window in reverse locations from the south elevation. A bulkhead is located under the window. During an earlier survey of the house done in 1978, the cellar under this section was described as having two diagonal elliptical supporting arches. The wood floor beams were scorched as a result of a fire several years prior to 1978 which gutted the interior of the house. The roof on the east section was probably replaced after that fire.

The western two-story section also has two bays on each exposed elevation. On the west gable end a window opening on the ground floor has been closed off. A second window has also been filled in on the north elevation. Across the north elevation of the west section and part of the east section on the ground floor level are the remains of a plaster finish over the stone, indicating a one-story addition once existed, but has been removed. The roof of the west section is slate and has a box cornice with crown and bed moldings. A stone chimney flush with the wall is located at the west gable end.

The interior was not accessible during this survey. However, the 1978 survey mentions the extensive fire and that the fireplaces have been closed off, which indicates substantial reconstruction and alteration has taken place.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1805

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The title search done in 1978 indicates William Wilson acquired at least some of the property on which the two houses (HA-1231 and HA-1232) are located as early as 1790. The dates of construction are unverifiable, but the rubblestone, simple masonry techniques and unadorned carpentry in both houses indicate a probable early 19th century origin. The Wilson House I in its original one-story section is typical of a tenant house or slave quarters. Its two-story later extension was obviously not intended as a refinement but merely as a functional enlargement. The Wilson House I does not appear on the 1858 Jennings & Herrick map, but the Wilson House II (HA-1232) does, suggesting the larger house was the main residence on the farm. By the time of the Martenet map of 1878, the smaller house was shown as the William Wilson residence. This may indicate the family size had changed and the head of the family had moved to the smaller house. The larger house is shown on the map, but without an owner's name. The title search reveals that part of the property was sold in 1871 and 1876, possibly including the Wilson House II.

William Wilson was an elder of the Old Brick Baptist Church (HA-66) near Jarrettsville from 1807 to 1839 when a disagreement over the temperance issue arose in the congregation. Elder Wilson and several members left the church and formed a separate church at Cherry Hill, meeting there for the first time on May 11, 1839. (Harford County Directory, 1953) C. Milton Wright in Our Harford Heritage said Wilson's group was known as the Rock Ridge Regular Baptist Society and had a meeting house on the north side of the present Cherry Hill Road. This is probably the church shown near Cherry Hill on the 1878 map. He further stated that Old Brick's records indicate the split continued for at least 20 years, the Rock Ridge group returning sometime after November 1859.

The William Wilson indicated as owner of the Wilson House I on the 1878 map is assumed to be a son of Rev. William Wilson.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Harford County Directory, 1953

Wright, C. Milton, Our Harford Heritage, 1967, rev. ed. 1980, p.228.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Janet Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning

DATE

May 1984

STREET & NUMBER

45 So. Main St.

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CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD 21014

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

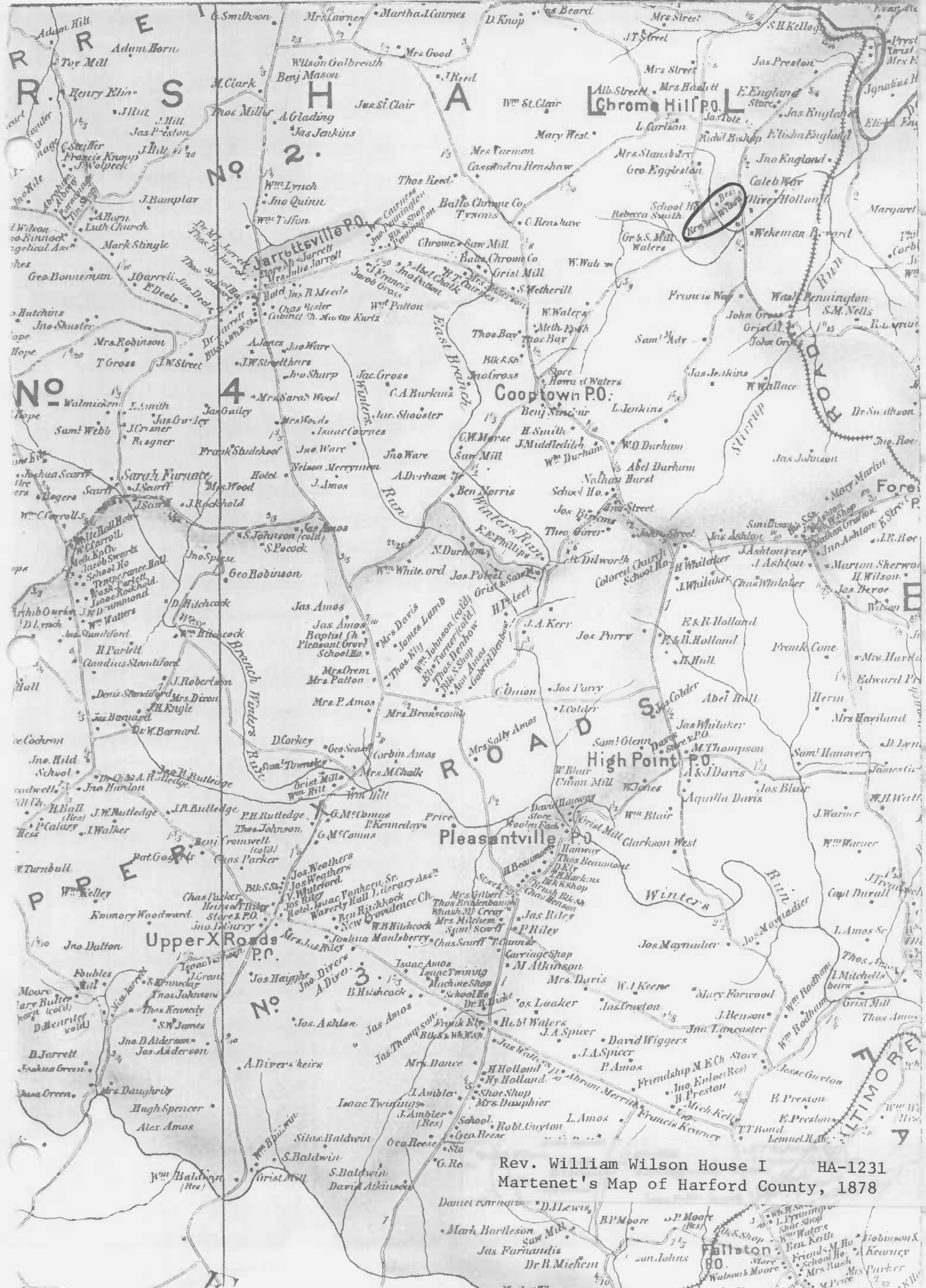
REV. WILLIAM WILSON HOUSE I

Title Search
HA-1231

Samuel B. Fielder

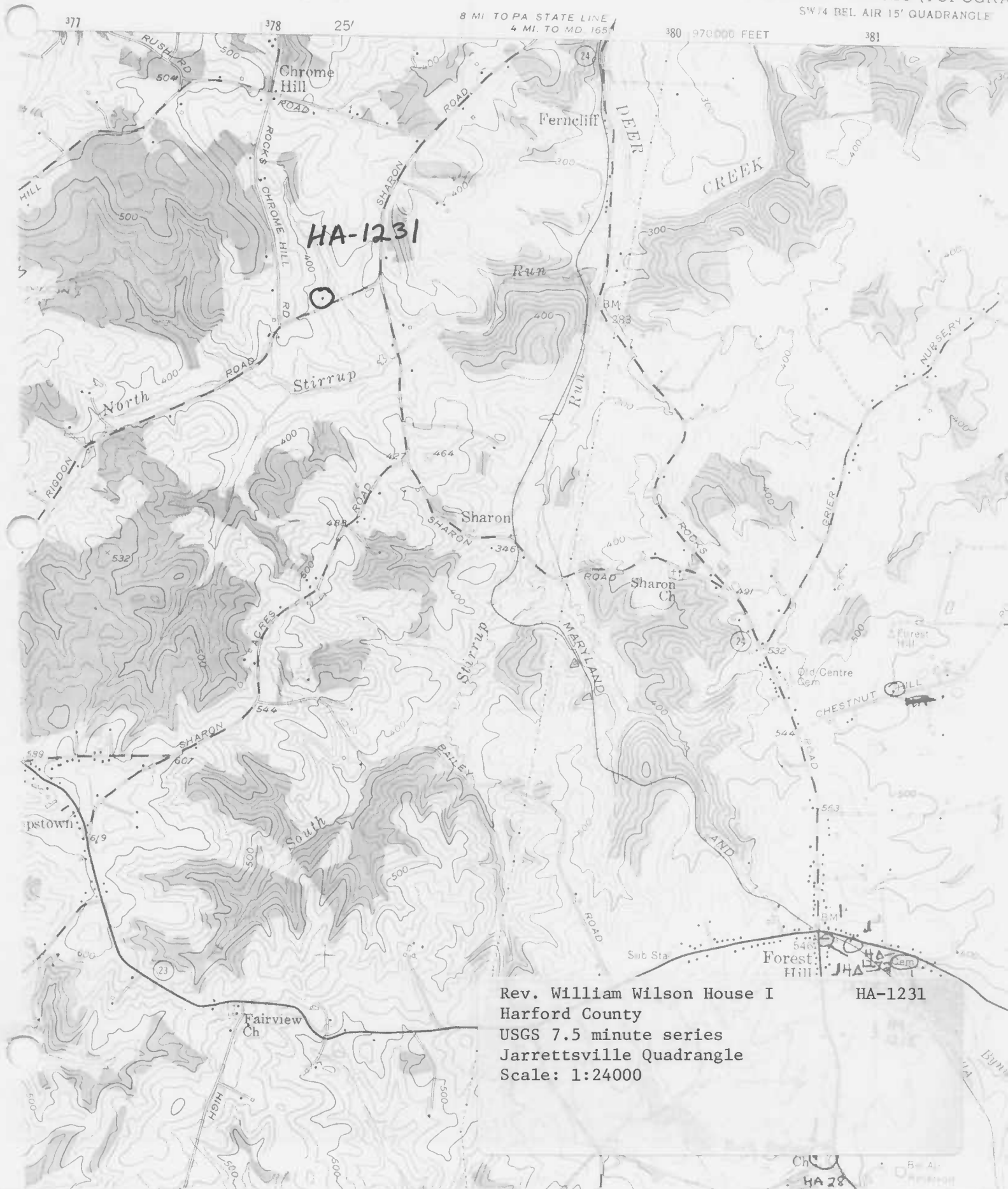
	969	208	2/27/1965	Grantor: Samuel B. Fielder and Edith D., his wife Grantee: Samuel B. Fielder and Edith D. Fielder, his wife, as tenants in common Acreage: 333.00 acres
GRG	670	451	3/29/1957	Grantor: David C. Shirey and wife
GRG	478	493	3/29/1957	Grantee: F. Talbott Gatch and wife Samuel B. Fielder and Edith Delp Fielder, his wife Acreage: 333 acres more or less "James Chance", "Pheasant's Range", "Great Meadows"
GCB	269	406	12/15/1941	Grantor: Erastus J. Bailey, et ux Grantee: F. Talbott Gatch and wife Acreage: Buildings
GCB	271	378	4/7/1942	Grantor: Mabel S. Bailey Grantee: F. Talbott Gatch and Mildred W. Gatch, his wife Acreage: Buildings
SWC	227	50	6/27/1933	Grantor: Erastus J. Bailey and Nannie A. Bailey, his wife Grantee: Arthur C. Bailey and Mabel S. Bailey Acreage: Buildings
SWC	227	49	6/27/1933	Grantor: J. Glasgow Archer, Jr. Grantee: Arthur C. Bailey and Mabel S. Bailey Acreage: Buildings "Pheasant Range"
JAR	166	137	11/12/1919	Grantor: James A. Thomason and Kate Thomason Grantee: Arthur Cleveland Bailey Acreage: 67 acres more or less - buildings "Pheasant Range"
JAR	158	419	11/15/1917	Grantor: John H. Gardner and Tryphana Gardner, his wife Grantee: James A. Thomason Acreage: "Pheasant Range" buildings
JAR	155	146	3/3/1917	Grantor: Glenn Ross Ayers and wife Grantee: John H. Gardner Acreage: Buildings

JAR	130	170	4/5/1910	Grantor: Martha Bishop Grantee: Glenn Ross Ayers Acreage: 67 acres more or less - buildings "Pheasant Range"
JAR	130	174	4/13/1910	Grantor: Richard E. Street and wife and others Grantee: Glenn Ross Ayers Acreage: Buildings "Pheasant Range"
ALJ	33	133	1/13/1876	Grantor: William Wilson and wife Grantee: Martha Bishop Acreage: Buildings
ALJ	25	329	3/11/1871	Grantor: William Wilson and wife Grantee: Martha Bishop Acreage: 67 acres more or less buildings
HD	T	16	10/26/1807	Grantor: Aquila Massey Grantee: William Wilson Acreage: 178 acres more or less buildings
HD	T	16	2/3/1790	Grantor: Aquila Massey Grantee: William Wilson Acreage: 178 acres more or less "Pheasant Range"



Rev. William Wilson House I HA-1231
Martenet's Map of Harford County, 1878

JARRETTSVILLE QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW 1/4 REL AIR 15' QUADRANGLE



Rev. William Wilson House I
Harford County
USGS 7.5 minute series
Jarrettsville Quadrangle
Scale: 1:24000

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Rev. William Wilson House I HA-1231

Harford County

Photographer: Janet Davis

April 1984

Neg. loc: Maryland Historical Trust

South elevation

1/2



Fielder House on Rigdon Road HA-1231
Jarrettsville, MD 21084
Susan M. Deeney
March, 1978
North



Rev. William Wilson House I

HA-1231

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North elevation

2/2



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North